\*These minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners on May 26, 2021. Full texts of resolutions appear at the end of this document.

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren met in Regular Session in its offices in the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, Belvidere, New Jersey on May 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Due to social distancing directives, this meeting was conducted with a limited number of spectators. The public had the opportunity to listen to the meeting, and participate if they chose, via internet and telephone.

The meeting was called to order by Director Kern and upon roll call, the following participants were present: Commissioner Lori Ciesla, Commissioner Deputy Director Jason Sarnoski, Commissioner Director James Kern III, County Administrator Alex Lazorisak, County Counsel Joe Bell, County CFO Kim Francisco, County Engineer Bill Gleba, County Planner Dave Dech, County Health Officer Pete Summers and Deputy Commissioner Clerk Holly Luberto.

After leading the flag salute, Mr. Kern read the following OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975) statement: ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT IN THE ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE. SAID NOTICE WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK, TRANSMITTED TO THE STAR LEDGER AND DAILY RECORD AND POSTED ON THE PUBLIC BULLETIN BOARDS AT THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD COMMISSIONERS AND THE COUNTY COURT HOUSE AND ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE. FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AT THIS MEETING. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED. IN ORDER TO ASSURE FULL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, IT IS THE POLICY OF THE **COUNTY** TO **PROVIDE** REASONABLE **ACCOMODATIONS** FOR INDIVIDUALS UPON ADVANCE REOUEST.

THE MEETING AGENDA AND OTHER PUBLIC DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE, <u>WWW.CO.WARREN.NJ.US</u>. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, WHETHER PARTICIPATING IN-PERSON OR BY TELEPHONE OR REMOTE OPTION, WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING. THOSE PARTICIPATING TELEPHONICALLY OR REMOTELY WILL REMAIN ON MUTE UNTIL SUCH TIME. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE RULES OF CONDUCT AND DECORUM THAT ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE.

# Approval of Minutes

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the minutes of the Regular Session of April 28, 2021 were approved.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the minutes of the Executive Session of April 28, 2021 were approved.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

#### PROCLAMATIONS/AWARD

#### **PROCLAMATION 238-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, PROCLAMATION – OLDER AMERICANS MONTH, MAY 2021.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

"This is great proclamation and a great way to honor our senior citizens," Mr. Sarnoski said, referring to older Americans as the backbone of our county. He said they devoted a lot of time to volunteering and helping our community. COVID made it harder for them to get out, so he liked the "Communities of Strength" theme, as building a network and helping each other out was even more vital in difficult times. Mr. Sarnoski thanked Aging & Disabilities Services Executive Director, Lakshmi Baskaram, as well as the Aging Services Advisory Council, for the great job they do.

Ms. Ciesla said she had been blessed to have all four of her grandparents in her life into adulthood, and she thought older went hand-in-hand with wiser. "Our older Americans have institutional knowledge in the knowledge of life," she said, and thought it was "truly amazing" how much they contribute to our communities. She pointed to the Veterans Rally Point in her home township of Lopatcong, which was put together by older, veteran volunteers. "Without them, we wouldn't be able to do the programs; and conversely, we also have programs to help them," Ms. Ciesla said. She was very grateful to have older Americans in our society.

"There is no more fitting a theme than 'Communities of Strength,' as these seniors have shown how strong they are," Mr. Kern said, noting how difficult the past 18 months had been for everyone. Especially for our older Americans, many of whom kept their distance from others due to the dangers of COVID-19. So many boards and groups throughout the county thrive because of their dedication, and they dispelled the myth that they do not know how to utilize technology. Now that the

light seemed to be at the end of tunnel with the pandemic, Mr. Kern said it was great to see fully vaccinated seniors out and about, and was glad to honor them this evening.

Kasia Bohaterewicz-Briody, chair of the county's Aging Services Advisory Council, accepted the proclamation and noted that Warren County offers a lot of support and resources to help older residents age in place. "What more beautiful thing to give to the seniors than a chance for them to be able to live in dignity and respect in the towns they helped build," she said.

# PRESENTATION OF MARY LOUISE CHRISTINE AWARD

In conjunction with Older Americans Month, the Mary Louise Christine Award is bestowed upon a Warren County senior citizen who demonstrates a great passion for helping others and has served the community significantly. The following individuals were nominated for the 2021 Outstanding Senior Citizen of Warren County: G. Carol Cook, Fred Cook, Judith Fisher, Stanley Garrison, Lucille Hurley, Peter Jackson, John LaPadula, Patricia Olds and Ann Stone.

"This past year really brought out the best in so many people and their willingness to do whatever they could to help those in need during the hard times of COVID-19," according to a statement from the Warren County Division of Aging & Disability Services. All nominees would receive a certificate of appreciation for the outstanding work they do for their communities.

This year's recipient was Allamuchy resident John LaPadula, who received 11 nominations. Mr. LaPadula has served as the president of the Allamuchy Seniors Club, the Allamuchy OWLs (Older, Wiser, and Livelier Seniors); director of the Friends of Rutherfurd Hall, the historical mansion in Allamuchy; and a member of the Panther Valley Communication Committee and the Allamuchy Vision Committee. An avid photographer and a baker, Mr. LaPadula enjoyed sharing both his pictures and his baked goods with the community.

Mr. Sarnoski lamented that Mr. LaPadula deserved more "pomp and circumstance" than this, but it was still too soon for big celebrations due to COVID restrictions. "Thank you very much and congratulations," he said.

"To be nominated by 11 people is quite amazing," Ms. Ciesla said, "It's obvious you are well-loved in your community." She personally thanked Mr. LaPadula for helping seniors, especially in helping them get vaccine appointments.

Mr. Kern said the amount of groups and organizations in which Mr. LaPadula was involved spoke volumes. "So many of our volunteers - there's a small group of them but they do so much," he said, "And we're really lucky to have people like you." Mr. LaPadula set a great example, which should inspire and excite others. "Thank you so much for being here, we're honored to present this to you," he said.

LaPadula was accompanied by his wife, Ann, and presented with a plaque from the County Commissioners. In accepting the award, LaPadula recognized Lakshmi Baskaram, director of the county's Division of Aging and Disability Services, for her work on behalf of the county's senior population. "Without her presence as director, I don't think we could have come as far as we have in the past couple years," said Mr. LaPadula, and thanked the commissioners for choosing him as this year's award recipient.

# **PROCLAMATION 239-21**

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, PROCLAMATION - MENTAL HEALTH MONTH, MAY 2021.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

Mr. Sarnoski said while the board endorsed this proclamation on an annual basis, it was particularly important this year. "With COVID defining our lives right now, and making it so difficult for those with mental health conditions to seek and get treatment and help, it's so important to recognize those struggles and support those in our community seeking help and to make sure they have access to those services," he said. Addiction programs/services and striving to be a stigma-free community were also important endeavors, and tied into mental health as well. Mr. Sarnoski thanked the Warren County Human Services Department and Mental Health Board members for the work they do.

"Over the years, definitely over the decades, the stigma around mental health has definitely decreased," Ms. Ciesla said. "It's not completely gone yet, and we do need to continue to work on that, because there shouldn't be any stigma attached to any mental issues or addiction issues," she said, "We're all here to help each other and do the very best we can." She joined Mr. Sarnoski in thanking the Human Services Department and Mental Health Board. "There's so much out there, and our county does so much to get that information to people, so that they can get the help they need," said Ms. Ciesla. Coming out of the pandemic will be difficult for people, but she was confident that help would be available for the residents of Warren County.

With respect to stigma, Mr. Kern agreed with both of his colleagues. "I think one of the most impactful things that this board can do with respect to a proclamation

is bring light and have conversation about something in a public forum like this," he said. There should be no reluctance to have discussions about mental health. "We're talking about our friends, family, neighbors – it affects all of us," said Mr. Kern, noting the pandemic prevented people from having contact with others and seeking treatment. He said this board would continue to work to make sure resources were available despite difficult funding cuts from the state. "We're all being affected by this, and know that this board will always be supportive of mental health."

Aaron Hyndman, chair of the Warren County Mental Health Board, accepted the proclamation with gratitude. He said this was very meaningful, and a catalyst to defying stigma. "When we defeat stigma, we save lives and livelihoods," he said, adding that issuing a statement like this helps us work together to build a stronger community as a whole.

# PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Chris Vitalos of Washington Borough commended the commissioners for agenda item E-2 (opposing forest management bills). He said if this passed into law, it would have a "disastrous impact to New Jersey public parks, land and forests," including Roaring Rock Park in Washington Township. Mr. Vitalos said there was a short focus on logging operations, and no focus on the ecological preservation of resources in these parks. He thought there would be a detrimental environmental impact, as well as losses in terms of recreation and tourism. He suggested adding a clause to the resolution to mention controlling the threat of invasive plant and insect species. "Thank you for your support of public parks in this county and in this state," he said.

# FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS

# **RESOLUTION 240-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

# **RESOLUTION 241-21**

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, INSERTION INTO THE 2021 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,000.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY, SART/SANE GRANT #VS-42-19.

#### RESOLUTIONS

# **RESOLUTION 242-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WARREN COUNTY TO FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE NEW JERSEY COUNCIL ON LOCAL MANDATES THAT P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 40 CONSTITUTES AN UNFUNDED STATE MANDATE IN VIOLATION OF ARTICLE VIII, SECTION II, PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE NEW JERSEY CONSTITUTION.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

#### **RESOLUTION 243-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION OPPOSING NEW JERSEY STATE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE FOREST MANAGEMENT BILLS A-4843/S-3549, A-4844/S-3550 AND A-4845/S-3548. Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

In addition to Mr. Vitalos' comments, which Mr. Kern said were "spot on," he added one of his big concerns was that this bill sought to require forced stewardship plans for forests larger than 25 acres on municipal, county and state lands acquired with Green Acres funding. "That is what we call an unfunded mandate," said Mr. Kern, who went on to explain that smaller municipalities preserve these areas, but do not have a written forest management plan in place. Now the state is going make this a requirement. Another issue is the removal of the public participation portion of these forest/woodland management plans. "When these parks and recreation areas and forests are preserved with public funding, the public should have a say in what's going on with them," Mr. Kern said.

"I think there's a lot going on with these bills," Mr. Kern continued, "I listened to some of the testimony in Trenton, and it sounds like there is overwhelming bipartisan opposition," he said. The League of Municipalities, different legislators and environmental groups were speaking out against it. He thought the Warren County Board of Commissions would be joined by other counties around the state in resisting this legislation. Mr. Kern thought the endeavor moved forward too quickly, saying, "Hopefully, the sponsors and the legislators will see this and pull back their support on this."

Regarding the public comment about invasive species, Mr. Sarnoski said he thought the resolution in its current form made the appropriate statement for now. Invasive species are discussed in other venues. Mr. Kern and Ms. Ciesla agreed, saying they could monitor developments and potentially consider expanded language in the future.

# **RESOLUTION 244-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY PROJECT GRANT TO HIRE SUMMER INTERNS IN THE YEAR 2022 FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$25,785.34.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

# **RESOLUTION 245-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF COUNTY ROUTE # 621 (NORTH MAIN STREET), FOR ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY, GAS MAIN AND SERVICE REPLACEMENT WORK, TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG. Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

# **RESOLUTION 246-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF BOARD TO EXECUTE AN INNOVATION GRANT MODIFICATION WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES THROUGH THE GOVERNOR'S OPIOID INITIATIVE; EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$36,675 FOR A CONTRACT CEILING OF \$73,350 IN STATE FUNDS; SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

# **RESOLUTION 247-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT, AND THE WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FISCAL YEAR FFY2021 TITLE IV-D PROGRAM.

#### **RESOLUTION 248-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: NAMING FAIRVIEW INSURANCE AGENCY ASSOCIATES, INC., AS BROKER OF RECORD FOR HEALTH AND PRESCRIPTION INSURANCE PROGRAM.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

#### **RESOLUTION 249-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY PROSECUTOR TO INCLUDE THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO EXECUTE THE SFY21 BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT SPONSORED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

#### RESOLUTIONS APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS

# **RESOLUTION 250-21**

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATIONS WC2126 AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COMPUTER HARDWARE/SOFTWARE PROGRAM.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

# RESOLUTIONS RECEIVING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACTS

# **RESOLUTION 251-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #WC2080FO-1 TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES ON AN ON-CALL BASIS FOR UTILITY PERMIT WORK ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROUTES AND STRUCTURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00.

# **RESOLUTION 252-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO DEJANA FOR ONE KNAPHEIDE KUV STYLE SERVICE BODY MODEL#KC108H2094, UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #A40821 COVERING CONSTRUCTION REPAIR, FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, ROAD DIVISION, IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$26,001.00.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

# **RESOLUTION 253-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO SUMURI, LLC, TO PROVIDE COMPUTER SOFTWARE TALINO KA-L OMEGA, A LICENSED COMPUTER SYSTEM, TO WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY, IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$20,547.00.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

#### **RESOLUTION 254-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2113 FOR THE GARRET D. WALL PARK SIDEWALK AND LIGHTING PROJECT TO TONY'S CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION, INC., NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$438,310.00.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

Mr. Kern said it was exciting to see this project go out to bid. It was running under budget so far, and the work was expected to be complete in time for Belvidere's Victorian Days event.

# **RESOLUTION 255-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ENGINEERING AND LAND PLANNING ASSOCIATES, OF HIGH BRIDGE, NEW JERSEY FOR SURVEYING SERVICES ON THE VASS FARM PROPERTY, KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP, BLOCK 46 LOT 2, BLOCK 46.01 LOT 1 AND BLOCK 47 LOT 4, PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION AS LISTED IN TOTAL ACRES, PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION, PROPOSAL, IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$14,500.00.

# **RESOLUTION 256-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO JESCO, FOR A FT-45-2 TA TRAILER WITH TILT BED UNDER THE MIDDLESEX REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM, #65MCESCCPS, BID #18/19-25, FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, ROAD DIVISION IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$54,002.96.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

# **RESOLUTION 257-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO WINNER FORD, FOR ONE 2021 FORD INTERCEPTOR BASE VEHICLE UNDER THE NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #20-FLEET-01189 FOR WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONS, IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$35,581.00.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

#### **RESOLUTION 258-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO BEYER FORD LLC, FOR ONE 2021 FORD F-250 SUPER DUTY SRW XL 4WD CAB 8' BOX UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #A88727 FOR WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONS, IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$45,759.50.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

# **RESOLUTION 259-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO WINNER FORD, FOR ONE 2021 FORD F150 4X2 CREW CAB UNDER THE NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #17-FLEET-00212 FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$35,663.00.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

# **RESOLUTION 260-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO BEYER FORD LLC, FOR ONE 2021 FORD F-350 SUPERCAB WITH PLOW AND SALT SPREADER UNDER THE NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #A88727 FOR WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$48,199.00.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

# **RESOLUTION 261-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO WINNER FORD, FOR ONE 2021 FORD INTERCEPTOR BASE VEHICLE UNDER THE NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #20-FLEET-01189 FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$31,031.00.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

# RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

# **RESOLUTION 262-21**

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY AGING SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL.

SUSAN G. HAMMOND-RECTOR – TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/22

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

#### PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

# **RESOLUTION 263-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:45-7.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

# **RESOLUTION 264-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE ELECTED, UNCLASSIFIED, MANAGERIAL AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR FISCAL 2021.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

# **RESOLUTION 265-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF CONFIDENTIAL AIDE, UNCLASSIFIED, APPOINTING KAY POWELL TO SAID POSITION, AND

ABOLISHING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF KEYBOARDING CLERK 2, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

#### **RESOLUTION 266-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF SUPERVISING ACCOUNT CLERK, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

# **RESOLUTION 267-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF ASSISTANT PLANNING DIRECTOR, CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF SUPERVISING PLANNER, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

# **RESOLUTION 268-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 193-19 ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARIES FOR 2021 FOR THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR, COUNTY CLERK AND COUNTY SHERIFF IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE STATUTES AND THE ENACTMENT OF P.L. 2018, C.14.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

# REPORTS AND COMMENTS

County Counsel Joe Bell had litigation updates for discussion in Executive Session.

County Engineer Bill Gleba had nothing new to report.

County Planner Dave Dech had nothing new to report.

County CFO Kim Francisco had nothing new to report.

County Administrator Alex Lazorisak said the latest vacancy report contained nothing noteworthy. He would defer to the Health Officer for COVID-19 updates, but noted this was day #427 since the establishment of the COVID-19 task force.

County Health Officer Pete Summers reported good news across the board. COVID-19 cases per day were down to 14; he thought this was the first time in a long time we had less than 100 cases in a week. Rates were dropping quickly, with our positivity rate about five percent. The county continued to progress on the vaccine front, with 39.2% of our entire population fully vaccinated; 48.4% of adults and 78.6% of seniors (age 65 and older).

There were now 28 COVID-19 vaccine providers in the county (most pharmacies had supply). As of May 7, the county-run clinics had administered more than 17,000 doses. Overall, our county clinics accounted for about 23% of all vaccinations in the county. "Vaccine is still readily available in the community, and will be for the foreseeable future," said Mr. Summers. The county program was not giving out the Pfizer vaccine recently approved for the younger population, but most of the private pharmacies were, so that shouldn't be a problem. "I think things are only going to get better as we go forward," Mr. Summers concluded.

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Ms. Ciesla reminded everyone about the Health & Wellness Field Day at Meadow Breeze Park on June 19 (rain date: June 21). It promised to be a fun day, with lots of activities, including a dunk tank. The organizers were hoping for preregistrations to gauge involvement.

On a serious note, Ms. Ciesla said the proclamations passed earlier were not just "fluff", but brought awareness to important issues. "Our older Americans are the backbone of our society and they do so much for us, and we need to do as much as we can for them, especially in times like this," she said. There is a better understanding of mental health issues today, compared to 40 years ago, and we can talk about it more openly. "I think it's more and more important that we keep getting rid of the stigma so that we can openly talk about the issues we may have, instead of feeling that there's something wrong with you, because there isn't," she said. Ms. Ciesla thanked everyone involved in helping to combat the stigma associated with mental illness and addiction.

With the Phillipsburg Library budget being in the news again, Ms. Ciesla said she had formerly served as a Warren County Commissioner for the Phillipsburg Library Commission. She clarified that Phillipsburg was a municipal library that had

entered into a contractual agreement with the county years ago, to help provide library services to residents of Lopatcong, Greenwich and Pohatcong townships, who were members of the county library system. "They didn't have a library close to them, so the county took that county library tax and used it to pay for services at Phillipsburg, which is a municipal library," she said. When the county decided to build a library in the area, "they, of course, no longer needed the services of Phillipsburg, and it is really that simple," Ms. Ciesla said. She wished Phillipsburg the best of luck in keeping their library.

Mr. Sarnoski briefly reported on the most recent NJTPA meeting, where he said he was very vocal and strong on his position on the I-80 rock fall project and intersection of CR 519 and NJ 57. "We did get some support out of Hunterdon County on the board, as well as some positive comments from the chair," he said.

Mr. Kern talked about having seen a presentation by a grassroots organization called Great Waters, which is working with other outdoor and environmental groups throughout the state to urge the state to better protect the recreational value of our waters. He hoped to have the group make its presentation to the commissioners at its next meeting. "It's very insightful," he said, adding that the anglers and sportsmen were the best guardians of our waters.

Following up on a letter he had written in support of Bill Number S3688 introduced by Senators Sweeney and Singleton, which provides for a regional economic and land use impact report and establishes new processes related to development of certain large warehouses, Mr. Kern provided an update on the bill's progress. The bill did not garner enough votes to make it out of the Urban Affairs Committee, but some changes had since been made. It initially called for a statewide board, but now calls for a countywide board. Mr. Kern said he had been working to support this bill with NJAC Director John Donnadio, who has been in contact with various groups. The biggest hurdle appeared to be the League of Municipalities, which was in an awkward position and unsure if it would support this legislation. Mr. Kern envisioned passing a resolution in support of S3688, and encouraging Warren County municipalities to do the same, "Once we can see a cleaned up version," he said.

# **CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tara Mezzanotte of Columbia, representing the I-80 Delaware Water Gap Coalition, commented on the latest NJTPA developments concerning these matters. She had attended the NJTPA meeting along with Knowlton Mayor Starrs and

Hardwick Mayor Duffy. Ms. Mezzanotte said she completed an investigation of the project and presented a packet, along with a statement, asking the NJTPA to review the materials earlier in the week. She proceeded to read her aforementioned statement, which she said summarized the whole situation.

While not contesting rock fall mitigation in the area, the group was contesting the harm that would result to citizens and the environment. Ms. Mezzanotte contended that funding decisions since 2012 were made under false pretenses and did not follow capital program development procedures. At issue was more than \$150 million in rock fall mitigation funding authorized in Warren and Hunterdon counties, which was not earmarked by the federal government for rock fall projects. Knowlton Township was removed from the public engagement plan approved in 2011.

Ms. Mezzanotte said everyone deserves to know why these decisions were made and who approved them. She further sought help facilitate a DOT formal public meeting as outlined in the NJTPA's current public involvement action plan. She reported that Knowlton Township decided to pass a resolution asking for support in the audit investigation requests from federal, state and county officials. "I'm asking you to elevate this to another level... seeking the right people to investigate this," she said, and repeatedly referred to her packet and the questions it raised.

Mr. Sarnoski said he would look at the resolution from Knowlton. He wasn't sure whether the commissioners would pass a resolution, or if he might write another letter to the NJTPA board. "I want to continue to have that discussion," he said, and wanted to give NJTPA chair Kathy DeFillippo an opportunity to get the DOT to the table to confront these questions. "We are going to continue to work together and continue to push forward on what we're looking for," Mr. Sarnoski said.

The commissioners thanked Ms. Mezzanotte for her comments.

There were no comments or questions from the press.

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

# **RESOLUTION 269-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 at 6:55 p.m.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the board adjourned Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 7:43 p.m. Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, and there being no further business before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.



#### OLDER AMERICANS MONTH MAY 2021

WHEREAS, each year the Federal Administration for Community Living designates the month of May as "Older Americans Month" and issues an annual theme for Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Older Americans Month 2021 is Communities of Strength which highlights the strengths of older adults and the Aging Network, with special emphasis on the power of connection and engagement in building strong communities; and

WHEREAS, Warren County includes a thriving community of more than 23,000 residents age 60 and older; and

WHEREAS, older residents in our community continue to redefine aging – through work or family interests, volunteerism, advocacy efforts and by taking charge of their health; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners continues to encourage and support local programs and initiatives that promote healthy aging and independent living for older residents; and

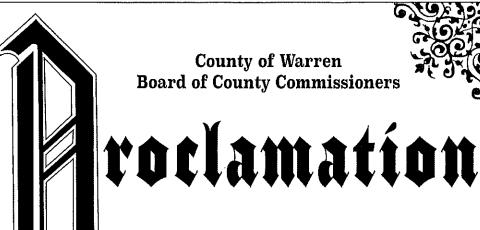
WHEREAS, each May the Warren County Board of County Commissioners has made it an annual tradition to honor county residents age 60 and over as vital and contributing members of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Warren County Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 2021 as Older Americans Month and urges all Warren County residents to take time during the month of May to recognize and celebrate our older residents as powerful and vital citizens who greatly contribute to this community.

James R. Kern, III, Director Board of County Commissioners Jason Sarnoski, Deputy Director Board of County Commissioners



Lori Ciesla, Commissioner Board of County Commissioners



#### MENTAL HEALTH MONTH MAY 2021

WHEREAS, everyone faces challenges in life that can impact their mental health, including the trauma of a public health pandemic like COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, one in five Americans lives with a diagnosed mental health condition affecting our family, friends, classmates, neighbors and coworkers; and

WHEREAS, death by suicide is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States and second leading cause of death for 10 to 24 year olds; and

WHEREAS, more than 9 million adults have a co-occurring mental illness and addiction disorders; and

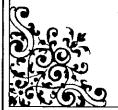
WHEREAS, with effective identification and treatment, individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, all Warren County residents can make a difference to help end the silence and stigma surrounding mental illness, and to encourage compassion and support; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Mental Health Board, in partnership with the County of Warren, is committed to raising awareness of prevention and treatment of mental illness and supporting community-based programs that serve Warren County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 2021 as Mental Health Month.

James R. Kern, III, Director Board of County Commissioners Jason Sarnoski, Deputy Director Board of County Commissioners



Lori Ciesla, Commissioner Board of County Commissioners

Wayne Dumont, Jr., Administration Building 165 County Route 519 South Belvidere, NJ 07823

#### **RESOLUTION 240-21**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2021-17 and 2021-18, dated May 12, 2021, in the amount of \$5,834,638.26 including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of County Commissioners.

2021-17	5/5/2021	\$1,414,667.97	
2021-18	5/12/2021	1,230,159.26	
TOTAL			\$2,644,827.23
Horizon (Prescription, Claims, Admin)	4/29/2021	\$1,424,772.18	
Aetna-May	4/29/2021	161,735.29	
Sun Life Financial-May	4/29/2021	67,769.47	
PNC Bank Commercial Card	5/10/2021	11,349.53	
Home Depot	4/30/2021	2,790.78	
Open Space Wires	(Detail Below)	223,037.81	
TOTAL-OTHER			1,891,455.06
Payroll (including fringe)	5/6/2021	\$1,298,355.97	
Subsistence	5/6/2021	0.00	
TOTAL WAGES, FRINGE, MEALS			1,298,355.97
GRAND TOTAL			\$5,834,638.26

Open Space			Reimburse-	<b>County</b>
Wire Transfers:	<b>Date</b>	Total Paid	<u>ments</u>	<b>Portion</b>
Stampone/CDEK LLC	5/4/21	\$152,194.50	\$104,156.69	\$48,037.81
Dias Property	5/5/21	175,000.00	0.00	175,000.00
Total				\$223,037.81

#### RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

	, Clerk
Alex I. Lazorisak	

Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building 165 County Route 519 South Belvidere, N. J. 07823

#### **RESOLUTION 241-21**

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioner of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

INSERTION INTO THE 2021 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 72,000.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY, SART/SANE GRANT #VS-42-19

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A-:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the adoption of the Budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2021 in the sum of \$72,000.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, SART/SANE Grant #VS-42-19

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Grant Match of \$27,791.00 is included in the 2021 County Budget, Sheet 19 Prosecutor's Office S&W.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$ 72,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

"UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES"

State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, SART/SANE Grant #VS-42-19 (administered by the Prosecutor's Dept.)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

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#### **RESOLUTION 242-21**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WARREN COUNTY TO FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE NEW JERSEY COUNCIL ON LOCAL MANDATES THAT P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 40 CONSTITUTES AN UNFUNDED SATE MANDATE IN VIOLATION OF ARTICLE VIII, SECTION II, PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE NEW JERSEY CONSTITUTION

**WHEREAS**, P.L. 2021, Chapter 40 will cost county governments across the State over \$77.0 million to implement in 2021 for the purchase of new voting machines, new voting machine software, new E-poll books, new ballot printing systems, and new technology necessary to operate early voting centers, communicate with election officials, and protect the integrity of voter information; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2021, Chapter 40 will further require county governments to spend property taxpayer dollars every year thereafter on long-term operational expenses for poll workers, new hires and overtime costs at new voting centers, and for the storage, maintenance, and security of additional voting equipment; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Council on Local Mandates is responsible for resolving disputes concerning whether a law, rule or regulation adopted after 1996 constitutes an unfunded mandate; and

WHEREAS, an unfunded mandate upon boards of education, municipalities, and counties is a law, rule, or regulation that does not authorize resources other than the property tax to offset additional direct expenditures required to implement said law, rule, or regulation; and

**WHEREAS**, other than through the collection of local property taxes, P.L. 2021, Chapter 40 expressly elected to provide a specified partial amount of funding and left an acknowledged substantial balanced of the costs to be borne by county government bodies in violation of New Jersey's Constitution; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioner of the County of Warren does in fact, hereby authorized the New Jersey Association of Counties to file a complaint with the New Jersey Council on Local Mandates that P.L. 2021, Chapter 40 constitutes an unfunded State mandate in violation of Article VIII, Section II, Paragraph 5 of the New Jersey Constitution.

<b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor of the State of New Jersey Phil Murphy, the President of the New Jersey State Senate Steve Sweeney, the Speaker of the General Assembly Craig Coughlin, legislators from districts in Warren County and the clerks of the board of county commissioners in all twenty-one counties in the State of New Jersey.	
RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes	
I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.	
, Clerk Alex J. Lazorisak [E1]	

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#### **RESOLUTION 243-21**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

# RESOLUTION OPPOSING NEW JERSEY STATE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE FOREST MANAGEMENT BILLS A-4843/S-3549, A-4844/S-3550 AND A-4845/S-3548

**WHEREAS**, Forest Stewardship Plans (FSPs) approved pursuant to Section 3 of P.L. 2009, c. 256 (C.13:1L-31), are exempt from all regulations of the Highlands Regional Master Plan including logging and water body rules; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey State Senate and Assembly have introduced bill A-4843/S-3549, which would require local governments to develop FSPs for all public forest land of 25 acres or more owned by the municipality that had been acquired for conservation and recreation under the Green Acres Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the FSPs would need to be researched, developed and submitted by a trained Forester and the Municipality, at the Municipality's cost; and

**WHEREAS**, bill A-4843/S-3549 does not provide any funds for compliance and, therefore, amounts to an unfunded mandate; and

WHEREAS, the financial pressure caused by this unfunded mandate would force the Municipality to consider and institute one or more actions, each of which would have one or more negative impacts on the fiscal, environmental and social health of the community. Among those potential actions are, increasing taxes, reducing services, reducing Municipal employees and engaging heavily in the logging of our public land which would also expose our forest ecosystems to invasive plant and insect species, while risking degradation of our soil and water quality, which would force the Municipality to incur additional costs to provide clean water to residents and commercial entities within the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, non-profit land trusts that also manage land in the County of Warren for public enjoyment, that struggle to secure adequate funding for land stewardship would be at a loss to pay for the preparation and implementation of required FSPs which could result in bankruptcy and/or loss of their land; and

WHEREAS, the FSPs required under A-4843/S-3549 are not the appropriate approach for protecting New Jersey's forests, nor enhancing the ecosystem services; clean water, clean air, flood mitigation, carbon sequestration they afford us. When written and reviewed by foresters these stewardship plans typically emphasize logging and the extraction of wood products, which is a drastic measure and is not appropriate management for most if not all public forests; and

- WHEREAS, logging will reduce New Jersey's ability to sequester carbon and make it more difficult to achieve the greenhouse gas emissions reductions target in the NJ Global Warming Response Act; and
- WHEREAS, logging will result in more stormwater runoff and more silt and pollution in our waterways while also causing environmental damage to wetlands, waterways, and forest habitats. Logging will limit access to public forested land; and
- **WHEREAS**, logging will contribute to long-term degradation of local hiking trail networks by introducing new avenues for illegal off-road vehicles and ATVs to access public land, exacerbating a severe problem, which NJDEP and Park Police are already struggling to control; and
- WHEREAS, logging would diminish the recreational experiences of both residents and tourists, the former could lose property values while the latter are important to the economic health of the County; and
- **WHEREAS**, tourists of the County of Warren can easily opt to visit neighboring parks across the NY State line, where aggressive logging is not practiced.
- **WHEREAS**, should the State of NJ or any other public or private entity provide funds for FSPs and eliminate the unfunded mandate issue, the County of Warren still opposes A-4843/S-3549 for all the other reasons stated herein; and
- WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Senate and Assembly have introduced bill A-4844/S-3550, which provides that county approval is not required for FSPs. The bill would also prohibit a local government unit from enacting any ordinance, rule, or resolution that requires local government approval of an FSP or that conflicts with, prevents, or impedes the implementation of an FSP approved by the DEP. The bill would also provide that the DEP's rules would <u>supersede</u> any county ordinance adopted <u>prior</u> to the effective date of this bill; and
- WHEREAS, Current law (Section 6 of P.L.2009, c.256 (C13:1L-34) states: No local government unit may enact, on or after the date of enactment of P.L.2009, c.256 (C. 13:1L-29 et al.), any ordinance, rule, or resolution, as appropriate, that conflicts with, prevents, or impedes the implementation of a forest stewardship plan approved pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2009, c.256 (C13:1L-31). A-4844/S-3550 extends these restrictions to any ordinance, rule, or resolution that requires local government approval of a forest stewardship plan. Therefore, this bill ensures that all forest stewardship plans required under companion bill A-4843/S-3549 are included in this set of already highly restrictive limits on municipalities and prevents them from having any control over NJDEP FSPs; and
- WHEREAS, current law already restricts municipal oversight of NJDEP approved FSPs but has not impacted many municipalities as FSPs are not required and municipalities manage open space land through local ordinances. The enactment of A-4843/S-3549 will replace many ordinances with FSPs and many municipalities will lose total control over their forested lands and be unable to stop them from being logged; and
- WHEREAS, there are no penalties associated with damages caused by FSPs. Replacing ordinances with FSPs would take away the authority of local governments to ensure private companies or individuals are not impacting environmentally sensitive areas or threatened or endangered species or creating disturbances close to stream corridors; and
- **WHEREAS**, bill A-4844/S-3550 is a violation of home rule principles and the principles behind municipal land use laws throughout New Jersey's legislative and judicial history; and

**WHEREAS**, bill A-4845/S-3548 sets a Statewide goal of conducting prescribed burns on a minimum of 50,000 acres in the Pinelands area, and an additional 10,0000 acres elsewhere in the State, every year; and

**WHEREAS**, bill A-4845/S-3548- requires burning about 6% of New Jersey's entire public forested land every year (In 17 years an area equivalent to all of New Jersey's public forests will have been burned); and

**WHEREAS**, there is no supporting scientific justification offered for burns of the magnitude required by bill A-4845/S-3548. Requiring a burn of 10,000 acres **anywhere** in the state outside the Pinelands is irresponsible, dangerous, costly, and wholly without merit; and

WHEREAS, decisions to conduct controlled forest burns of specific sizes should be based on scientific analysis of specific situations in specific areas each year and not predetermined for all time by law; and

WHEREAS, burning forests increases greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution, both of which are already significant problems throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Prescribed Burns Act does not properly address air pollution and it limits liability if these fires get out of control; and

WHEREAS, controlled burns are expensive to execute and bill A-4845/S-3548 also causes additional expenditures by requiring all relevant State agencies involved in environmental planning and land use management to incorporate the yearly minimum burns into all plans, programs, and surveys.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Commissioners of Warren County, in the interest of protecting its residents, businesses and institutions, and controlling its public open spaces to optimize its value as a source of recreation and public enjoyment, as of April 7, 2021, strongly opposes New Jersey State Assembly and Senate Forest Management Bills A-4843/S-3549, A-4844/S-3550 and A-4845/S-3548.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor of the State of New Jersey Phil Murphy, Commissioner of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, State Senator Bob Smith, State Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, State Senator Steven V. Oroho, Senator Michael J. Doherty, State Assemblyman Parker Space, Harold J. Wirths and John DiMaio, New Jersey Forest Watch (newjerseyforestwatch@gmail.com), Warren County Municipalities, League of New Jersey Municipalities, and NJ Advance Media.

#### RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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Commissioners of the County	of Warren on th	e date abo	ve mentioned.					

\_\_\_, Clerk

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#### **RESOLUTION 244-21**

On a motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

# RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY PROJECT GRANT TO HIRE SUMMER INTERNS IN THE YEAR 2022 FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$25,785.34

**WHEREAS**, there is funding available under a Highway Traffic Safety Project Grant with the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for Safety Construction and Operational Improvements; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the County of Warren to apply for said funding.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board and the Clerk are hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in order to effectuate the Highway Traffic Safety Project Grant with the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety to hire summer interns in the amount of \$25,785.34 for the project period of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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#### **RESOLUTION 245-21**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

#### RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF COUNTY ROUTE # 621 (NORTH MAIN STREET), FOR ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY, GAS MAIN AND SERVICE REPLACEMENT WORK, TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG

WHEREAS, the Elizabethtown Gas Company has requested permission to close a portion of County Route #621 (North Main Street) from State Route 22 (Memorial Parkway) Ramp to JT Baker Way (segments at a time as deemed necessary) in the Town of Phillipsburg, for a period of approximately <u>four weeks</u> during regular daily weekday work hours tentatively to commence on or about May 26, 2021, for gas main and service replacement work covered by County Highway Access and Construction Permit number 19080.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren does hereby approve the closing of a portion of County Route #621 (North Main Street) from State Route 22 (Memorial Parkway) Ramp to JT Baker Way in the Town of Phillipsburg, for a period of approximately **four weeks** or until such time as the replacement work is complete, with the following conditions:

- 1. An acceptable detour plan is submitted by the Elizabethtown Gas Company and approved by the County Engineer.
- 2. Access is maintained at all times for local businesses, residents and emergency services in the vicinity of the project area with notification provided in advance.
- 3. All barricades, detours and traffic control signs shall conform to the Manual on Uniform Control Devices.
- 4. Police supervision of any necessary traffic control of the road and handling of safety shall be provided.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Town of Phillipsburg Clerk and Police Department.

#### RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla ves, Mr. Sarnoski ves, Mr. Kern ves

I hereby certify the above to be a true cop	py of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners
of the County of Warren on the date above mention	oned.

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#### **RESOLUTION 246-21**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held on May 12, 2021.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF BOARD TO EXECUTE AN INNOVATION GRANT MODIFICATION WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES THROUGH THE GOVERNOR'S OPIOID INITIATIVE; EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$36,675 FOR A CONTRACT CEILING OF \$73,350 IN STATE FUNDS; SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

**WHEREAS**, the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, has notified the Warren County Board of County Commissioners of an extension of an additional 15 months; and increased the contract by \$36,675 for a contract ceiling of \$73,350 for the period of June 30, 2020 to September 30, 2022.

**WHEREAS,** the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Administration has prepared a modification for use of these additional funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board is authorized to execute the Innovation grant modification for the additional \$36,675 with a contract ceiling of \$73,350 from the NJ Department of Human Services; subject to availability of funds.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a t	true copy of a r	resolution adopted	by the Board	l of County
Commissioners of the County of Warren on the	ne date above mer	ntioned.		

\_\_, Clerk

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#### **RESOLUTION 247-21**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT, AND THE WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FISCAL YEAR FFY2021 TITLE IV-D PROGRAM

**WHEREAS,** the Warren County Sheriff's Office wishes to enter into an agreement with the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development, under the FFY2021 Title IV-D Program.

**WHEREAS,** the purpose of the program is to establish a procedure with the Sheriff's Office for arrest services in those Title IV-D cases where a bench warrant pertaining to child support has been issued by a Court. Funding is available for the Period of October 2020 thru September 2021.

**WHEREAS,** the Sheriff's Office, as per the bench warrant, will take the non-custodial parent into custody for the purpose of establishing support obligation.

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office will be reimbursed based on the approved Collection Performance Standard with the cost of arrest services for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 (not to exceed \$257,352.00)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the persons whose names and titles appear below are authorized to sign the agreement and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

James R. Kern III, County Commissioner Director Alex J. Lazorisak, County Administrator

RECORDED VOTE: Mrs. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be	se a true copy of a resolution	lution adopted by the Boa	ard of County Comm	issioners
of the County of Warren on the date a	bove mentioned.			

	, Clerk
Alex J Lazorisak	·

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#### **RESOLUTION 248-21**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

RESOLUTION RE: NAMING FAIRVIEW INSURANCE AGENCY
ASSOCIATES, INC., AS BROKER OF RECORD
FOR HEALTH AND PRESCRIPTION INSURANCE
PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Warren County is in need of a licensed insurance broker to provide licensed insurance services and for Health & Prescription Insurance Program; and

**WHEREAS,** the firm of Fairview Insurance Agency Associates, Inc., 25 Fairview Avenue, Verona, New Jersey 07044 is qualified, ready willing and able to provide said licensed insurance broker services at the cost of insurance carrier standard commissions; and

**WHEREAS,** this contract constitutes a "Professional Service" contract under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service is a recognized profession, licensed and regulated by the State of New Jersey, and therefore may be awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-1, et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, this professional services contract is awarded under the Non-Fair & Open Contracting requirements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44:A:20.4.5

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren as follows:

- 1. The County of Warren is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Fairview Insurance agency Associates, Inc., 25 Fairview Avenue, Verona, New Jersey 07044 for licensed insurance broker services for the period commencing May 1, 2021 and ending April 30, 2024.
- 2. That this professional services contract is at a cost of insurance carrier standard commissions.
- 3. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star Ledger.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Director of the Board of County Commissioners be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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#### **RESOLUTION 249-21**

On a motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY PROSECUTOR TO INCLUDE THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO EXECUTE THE SFY21 BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT SPONSORED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

- **WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General (OAG) received funds from SFY21 Budget to administer body-worn cameras to local law enforcement agencies by way of a grant program; and
- **WHEREAS**, this grant program is designed to provide law enforcement agencies with funding for the purchase of body-worn cameras, ancillary accessories and storage; and
- WHEREAS, the public trust of law enforcement has become a primary concern of government and law enforcement executives; and
- WHEREAS, body-worn cameras are a means to increase accountability, reduce liability, and provide greater transparency to enhance this trust; and
- WHEREAS, the Warren County Prosecutor's Office's Narcotics Task Force, along with the County's Tactical Response Team (TRT), conduct high risk operations, including but not limited to buy/bust incidents, vehicle take downs, and execution of search warrants; and
- WHEREAS, these operations are dynamic, unfold rapidly, and at times, result in using force to safely and effectively detain and arrest suspects, which is an inherent increased risk and the potential for use of force exists; and
- WHEREAS, defendant's allegations of excessive use of force, missing property, and other types of misconduct by officers, is not uncommon in today's climate; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Warren County's Corrections Department is responsible for prisoner transport and fugitive recovery; and
- WHEREAS, both functions require, sometimes lengthy interaction with inmates and persons charged with a variety of crimes as they may be transported in New Jersey and contiguous states; and
- WHEREAS, the utilization of body cameras during these types of law enforcement operations will help ensure that appropriate procedures are followed by law enforcement and that appropriate outcomes are reached should an internal affairs complaint be filed or civil and/or criminal proceedings occur; and

<b>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED</b> that The Warren County Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office and the Warren County's Correction's Department submitting grant applications to the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for the SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program; and
<b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that The Warren County Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize the Commissioner Director to sign any documents associated with these grant requests.
RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes
I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.
, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak [E8]

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#### **RESOLUTION 250-21**

On a motion by **Ms.** Ciesla, seconded by **Mr.** Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATIONS WC2126 AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR** COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COMPUTER HARDWARE/SOFTWARE PROGRAM BE IT RESOLVED, that specification WC2126 for Community Transportation Computer Hardware/Software program is hereby approved. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Purchasing is hereby directed to advertise for the above in The Star-Ledger. Funds for and resulting contracts will be subject to the availability of funding anticipated 2021 federal and state grant funds. RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned. , Clerk

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#### RESOLUTION 251-21

On a motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #WC2080FO-1 TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES ON AN ON-CALL BASIS FOR UTILITY PERMIT WORK ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROUTES AND STRUCTURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00.

**WHEREAS**, the County requested proposals to be received on Thursday, January 21, 2021 for Contract #WC2080FO for Construction Phase Engineering/Inspection Services; and

WHEREAS, inspection services are needed for utility company related permit work; and

WHEREAS, Elizabethtown Gas Company is seeking to obtain a permit for gas main and service replacement on County Route #621 (North Main Street), Town of Phillipsburg; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4, as a fair and open contract; and

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by Van Cleef Engineering Associates meets the needs of the program, price and other factors considered in the amount of \$10,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds are available in account 40165 5100 ETWN 4834 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren in the State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1. The agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren and Van Cleef Engineering Associates of Phillipsburg, N.J. for professional services for the above project in the amount of \$10,000.00, currently on file in the Office of the County Engineer, be made a part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
- 2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of agreement by signing same.
- 3. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star Ledger.

#### RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

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#### **RESOLUTION 252-21**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO DEJANA FOR ONE KNAPHEIDE KUV STYLE SERVICE BODY MODEL#KC108H2094, UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #A40821 COVERING CONSTRUCTION REPAIR, FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, ROAD DIVISION, IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$26,001.00

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for one Knapheide KUV Style Service Body Model#KC108H2094 for the Warren County Public Works Department, Road Division and is hereby awarded

to ... Dejana, Kings Park, New York

in the amount of ... \$26,001.00

at the prices established under the New Jersey State Contract #A40821 for Construction Repair

Funding for this contract has been provided in capital account 0421A603/5050

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

, Clerk
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#### **RESOLUTION 253-21**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO SUMURI, LLC,
TO PROVIDE COMPUTER SOFTWARE TALINO KA-L
OMEGA, A LICENSED COMPUTER SYSTEM, TO WARREN
COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY, IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT
AMOUNT OF \$20,547.00

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the county issue a purchase order for computer maintenance services on specific special licensed computer software; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(dd) is an exception and requires a resolution authorizing the award of contracts without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4, as a non-fair and open contract; and

WHEREAS, Warren County has received all necessary documentation to allow award of this contract including the Business Entity Disclosure Certification, Certificate of Compliance With Campaign Contribution Law and the Determination of Value and these forms are on file; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Purchasing has certified that this meets the statute and regulations governing the award of said contracts,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that a contract be awarded to Sumuri, LLC, of Wyoming, Delaware, for providing computer software Talino KA-L Omega for Warren County Public Safety

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren as follows:

- 1. The Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized and directed to issue a purchase order to Sumuri, LLC, of Wyoming, Delaware
- 2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Exception" in accordance with 40A:11-5(dd) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services provided are for proprietary computer hardware and software maintenance.
- 3. A notice of this action shall be published in the The Star-Ledger. Funding for this contract is provided in accounts 012750/5030-F02525351/5100

#### RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the	above to	be a true	copy of	f a resolu	ion adopted	by the	Board	of	County
Commissioners of the Coun	y of Warrer	n on the da	te above	mentioned	l.				

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### **RESOLUTION 254-21**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2113 FOR THE GARRET D. WALL PARK SIDEWALK AND LIGHTING PROJECT TO TONY'S CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION, INC., NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$438,310.00

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that contract WC2113 the Garret D. Wall Park sidewalk and lighting project is hereby awarded

to Tony's Concrete Construction, Inc. .

in the amount of \$438,310.00.

as per their bid submitted . . . April 20, 2021

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive bid received.

Funding for this contract will be provided in Open Space 03892/5100-Parks Maintenance

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Director of the Board of County Commissioners be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

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### **RESOLUTION 255-21**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ENGINEERING AND LAND PLANNING ASSOCIATES, OF HIGH BRIDGE, NEW JERSEY FOR SURVEYING SERVICES ON THE VASS FARM PROPERTY, KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP, BLOCK 46 LOT 2, BLOCK 46.01 LOT 1 AND BLOCK 47 LOT 4, PROPOSED FOR ACQUISTION AS LISTED IN TOTAL ACRES, PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION, PROPOSAL, IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$14.500.00

**WHEREAS,** THE Warren County Agricultural Board has developed a list of Property for Preservation for the year 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** Warren County is interested in obtaining surveys on various farm properties as listed in the proposal; and

WHEREAS, land surveys are required by the State Agricultural Development Board prior to negotiations for acquisitions; and

**WHEREAS**, said surveys will be in accordance with the Agriculture Retention and Development Act, N.J.S. A. 4:1C-11, et. Seq.,

**WHEREAS**, this contract is awarded in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4, as a fair and open contract; and

**WHEREAS,** Engineering and Land Planning Associates, was pre-qualified as a surveyor by WC2060FO on November 24, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** adequate funds are available in account 03895 5067 – Open Space Trust – Preliminary Expenses

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners as follows:

- 1. The agreement between the County of Warren and Engineering and Land Planning Associates in the amount of \$14,500.00 to prepare a survey on the land listed be accepted.
- 2. The Commissioner Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
- 3. Notice of this action shall be published in THE STAR-LEDGER, as required by law, within ten (10) days of adoption.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date at	ove mentioned.					

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### **RESOLUTION 256-21**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO JESCO, FOR A FT-45-2 TA TRAILER WITH TILT BED UNDER THE MIDDLESEX REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM, #65MCESCCPS, BID #18/19-25, FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, ROAD DIVISION IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$54,002.96

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for one FT-45-2 TA Trailer with Tilt Bed for the Warren County Public Works Department, Road Division and is hereby awarded

to ... Jesco, South Plainfield, New Jersey

in the amount of ... \$54,002.96

at the prices established under the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative Contract #65MCESCCPS, BID#18/19-25,

Funding for this contract has been provided in capital account 0421A607/5050 –0420A612/5050

#### RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla ves, Mr. Sarnoski ves, Mr. Kern ves

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Alex J. Lazorisak	

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### **RESOLUTION 257-21**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO WINNER FORD, FOR ONE 2021 FORD INTERCEPTOR BASE VEHICLE UNDER THE NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #20-FLEET-01189 FOR WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONS IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$35,581.00

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for one 2021 Ford Interceptor Base Vehicle for the Warren County Corrections, and is hereby awarded

to ... Winner Ford, Cherry Hill, New Jersey

in the amount of ... \$35,581.00

at the prices established under the New Jersey State Contract #20-Fleet-01189

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 013150/5051

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

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### **RESOLUTION 258-21**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO BEYER FORD LLC, FOR ONE 2021 FORD F-250 SUPER DUTY SRW XL 4WD CAB 8' BOX UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #A88727 FOR WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONS, IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF, \$45,759.50

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for one 2021 Ford F-250 Super Duty SRW XL 4WD Cab 8' Box for the Warren County Corrections, and is hereby awarded

to ... Beyer Ford LLC, Morristown, New Jersey

in the amount of ... \$45,759.50

at the prices established under the New Jersey State Contract #A88727

Funding for this contract has been provided in account S91305307/5100-S01305307/5100-0421A601/5050

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

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### **RESOLUTION 259-21**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO WINNER FORD, FOR ONE 2021 FORD F150 4X2 CREW CAB UNDER THE NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #17-FLEET-00212 FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PROSECUTORS OFFICE IN THE

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for one 2021 Ford F150 4x2 Crew Cab for the Warren County Prosecutor's, and is hereby awarded

**TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$35,663.00** 

to ... Winner Ford, Cherry Hill, New Jersey

in the amount of ... \$35,663.00

at the prices established under the New Jersey State Contract #17-Fleet-000212

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 013150/5051

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

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### **RESOLUTION 260-21**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO BEYER FORD LLC, FOR ONE 2021 FORD F-350 SUPERCAB WITH PLOW AND SALT SPREADER UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #A88727 FOR WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF, \$48,199.00

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for one 2021 Ford F-350 Supercab with Plow and Salt Spreader for the Warren County Public Works Department, and is hereby awarded

to ... Beyer Ford LLC, Morristown, New Jersey

in the amount of ... \$48,199.00

at the prices established under the New Jersey State Contract #A88727

Funding for this contract has been provided in capital accounts 0421A610/5050-0414A603/5050

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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### **RESOLUTION 261-21**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO WINNER FORD, FOR ONE 2021 FORD INTERCEPTOR BASE VEHICLE UNDER THE NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #20-FLEET-01189 FOR THE WARREN

COUNTY PROSECUTORS OFFICE IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$31,031.00

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for one 2021 Ford Interceptor Base Vehicle for the Warren County Prosecutor's, and is hereby awarded

to ... Winner Ford, Cherry Hill, New Jersey

in the amount of ... \$31,031.00

at the prices established under the New Jersey State Contract #20-Fleet-01189

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 013150/5051

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

\_\_\_\_, Clerk

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### **RESOLUTION 262-21**

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

## RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY AGING SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren hereby appoint the following individual to the Warren County Aging Services Advisory Council.

Susan G. Hammond-Rector 6 Hemlock Court Hackettstown, NJ 07840	Term to expire: 12/31/22
RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarno	oski yes, Mr. Kern yes
I hereby certify the above to be a true of Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date	py of a resolution adopted by the Board of County e above mentioned.  Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak	

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### **RESOLUTION 263-21**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

## RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:45-7

**BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that effective January 1, 2021, the annual salaries of the members of the Warren County Board of Elections are amended in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:45-7;

Commissioner \$8,233.00 per year Secretary/Commissioner \$12,350.00 per year Chairperson \$12,350.00 per year

and this resolution shall continue in full force and effect until amended or otherwise acted upon by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

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### **RESOLUTION 264-21**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

### RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE ELECTED, UNCLASSIFIED, MANAGERIAL, AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR FISCAL 2021

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners desires to adjust the annual salaries of its elected, unclassified, managerial, and confidential employees as remuneration for services rendered; and

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners has determined that the adjustment to the annual salaries of said Warren County employees is deemed to be equitable.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the salary adjustments affixed hereto be approved for its elected, unclassified, managerial and confidential employees and be made effective January 1, 2021.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

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### **RESOLUTION 265-21**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF CONFIDENTIAL AIDE, UNCLASSIFIED, APPOINTING KAY POWELL TO SAID POSITION, AND ABOLISHING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF KEYBOARDING CLERK 2, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that a full-time position of *Confidential Aide*, unclassified, is created and established on Grade 11 of the Unclassified Salary Table, within the Warren County Clerk's Office, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 11A:3-5(v) to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of operations; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that Kay Powell is appointed to the position of *Confidential Aide*, unclassified, within the Warren County Clerk's Office; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that a full-time position of *Keyboarding Clerk 2*, classified, is hereby abolished.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that the position of *Confidential Aide*, unclassified, 40 hours per week, is created within the Warren County Clerk's Office and Kay Powell is appointed to said position at an annual salary of \$38,500, effective May 13, 2021.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

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### **RESOLUTION 266-21**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

### RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF SUPERVISING ACCOUNT CLERK, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that a full-time position of *Supervising Account Clerk*, classified, is created in the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of operations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that the full-time position of *Supervising Account Clerk*, classified, is created and established on CWA 1071, Range 19 and made effective immediately.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

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### **RESOLUTION 267-21**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

# RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF ASSISTANT PLANNING DIRECTOR, CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF SUPERVISING PLANNER, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that a full-time position of *Assistant Planning Director*, classified, is created within the Warren County Planning Department to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of operations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that a full-time position of *Supervising Planner*, classified, is hereby abolished.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that the full-time position of *Assistant Planning Director* is created on Salary Grade 15 of the Unclassified Salary Table and made effective May 13, 2021.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

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### **RESOLUTION 268-21**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held May 12, 2021.

# RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 193-19 ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARIES FOR 2021 FOR THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR, COUNTY CLERK AND COUNTY SHERIFF IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE STATUTES AND THE ENACTMENT OF P.L. 2018, C.14

**WHEREAS,** the annual salaries of the County Clerk (N.J.S.A. 40A:9-76) and the County Sheriff (N.J.S.A. 2B:14-3) are established at a minimum of 65% of the annual salary of a Judge of the Superior Court, and

WHEREAS, the salary of the County Prosecutor is established within N.J.S.A. 2A:58-10; and

**WHEREAS,** the Governor signed into Law P.L. 2018, C.14 on May 18, 2018 which enactment increases the salaries of the County Constitutional Officers for the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that in accordance with applicable State Statutes and the recent enactment of P.L. 2018. C.14, the salaries of Warren County Constitutional Officers shall be as follows:

Effective January 1, 2021								
County Prosecutor	\$192,390.66							
County Clerk	\$125,053.93							
County Sheriff	\$125,053.93							

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby	certify the	above to	be a true	copy o	of a re	esolution	adopted	by the	Board	of	County
Commissioners	of the Coun	ty of Warr	en on the	date al	ove n	nentioned	1.				

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On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held on May 12, 2021.

## A MOTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is subject to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.* 10:4-6, et seq., and

**WHEREAS,** the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.* 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Board hereby excludes the public in order to discuss such matters. The general nature of the subjects to be discussed are as follows:

- (1) Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and Attorney-Client Privilege: Items to be discussed include: Status of various litigation: Covanta/PCFA Negotiations, Status of W.M./C.C./R.M. Litigation, Depositions, Bastedo eviction from county property, Jeffress Litigation and Rutgers Cooperative Extension Agreement.
- (2) Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining: Items to be discussed include: PBA Local 280 Sheriff's Officers, CWA Local 1032 Prosecutor's Clerical, PBA Local 331 Prosecutor's Detectives, FOP 171 Corrections Officers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board shall disclose to the public, as soon as practicable, the contents of the discussions after the final disposition of the matters discussed.

### RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla ves, Mr. Sarnoski ves, Mr. Kern ves

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